



# *Superior Court of California*

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## **VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT SELECTS TWO NEW COMMISSIONERS**

The judges of the Ventura Superior Court have announced the selection of William Q. Liebmann and Bruce A. Young as the court's newest commissioners. They fill vacancies created by the elevation of former Superior Court Commissioner Manuel J. Covarrubias to the Superior Court bench in October 2002 and the upcoming retirement of Superior Court Commissioner John H. Pattie in February 2003.

Commissioner Liebmann began his legal career in 1976. He currently is the sole practitioner of a civil litigation practice emphasizing the needs of individuals, families and small businesses. Areas of practice include business, real estate, construction defects, contracts, collections, dissolution of marriage, child custody and support, adoption, guardianship, probate and civil appeals. He is a former City Councilman and Planning Commissioner for the City of Camarillo.

Commissioner Liebmann earned his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and his juris doctorate degree from the University of Southern California.

Commissioner Young has been a Deputy District Attorney with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office since May 1999. He has been assigned to the Elder Abuse Prosecution Unit for the past 3½ years. He began his legal career in 1978. Former areas of practice include business litigation, civil litigation, insurance defense, banking, family law and estate planning. He has previously served as a Judge Pro Tempore and Court-Appointed Arbitrator.

Commissioner Young received his bachelor of science degree from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and his juris doctorate degree from Pepperdine University.

Superior Court Commissioners hear matters including, but not limited to, Family Law, Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency, Child Support Services, Domestic Violence, Civil Harassment, Traffic, Criminal and Small Claims. They are required to have been admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of California for at least ten years and serve at the pleasure of a majority of the court judges.

Commissioners may be assigned to any court location in the county. Court facilities are presently located in Ventura and Simi Valley. A new facility in El Rio is scheduled to open in Spring 2004.

“The court was faced with a difficult decision to select these two new commissioners from a list of extremely experienced applicants,” said Presiding Judge Bruce Clark. “Commissioner Liebmann’s extensive experience in Family Law matters will allow him to immediately step into the East County Family Law calendar, and Commissioner Young has experience in virtually every area of the law including Criminal, providing the court with a valuable blend of skill and versatility” said Clark.

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